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(Pub. L. 85-769, §1, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 922.)

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 852 of this title.

### § 852. Completion of organization

A majority of the persons named in section 851 of this title are authorized to complete the organization of the corporation by the selection of officers and employees, the adoption, amendment, and revision of a constitution and bylaws not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter and the doing of such other acts as may be necessary for such purpose.

(Pub. L. 85-769, §2, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 924.)

### § 853. Objects and purposes of corporation

The objects and purposes of the corporation shall be as follows:

(1) To promote the welfare of blinded veterans so that, notwithstanding their disabilities, they may take their rightful place in the community and work with their fellow citizens toward the creation of a peaceful world.

(2) To preserve and strengthen a spirit of fellowship among blinded veterans so that they may give mutual aid and assistance to one another.

(3) To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to encourage loyalty to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the States in which they reside.

(4) To be organized and operated as a corporation not for profit, no part of the income or assets of which shall inure to the benefit of any of its members, directors, or officers, nor be distributable thereto otherwise than upon dissolution or final liquidation; and such corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, patriotic, and civic improvement purposes.

(Pub. L. 85-769, §3, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 924.)

### § 854. Powers of corporation

The corporation shall have power—

(1) to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;

(2) to adopt, alter, and use a corporate seal;

(3) to choose officers, managers, and agents as the business of the corporation may require;

(4) to charge and collect membership dues;

(5) to adopt, amend, apply, and alter a constitution and bylaws not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or any State in which the corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(6) to contract and be contracted with;

(7) to take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise any property real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects of the corporation, subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State, (a) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or, (b) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of real and personal property by, a corporation operating in such State;

(8) to transfer, lease, or convey real or personal property;

(9) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation and issue bonds or other evidences